

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$2,000,000 for the University of Kentucky's Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) to continue important research regarding the development of strategic coal-based liquid transportation fuels. Rising petroleum prices, national security concerns and limited domestic oil reserves require a serious look at alternative sources of transportation fuels. The use of coal for transportation fuels can provide additional independence from oil imports, safeguard the nation's security, allow for the development of new industries, and provide new incentives for coal mining. The Department of Defense has a keen interest in securing alternatives to petroleum for reliable supplies of battlefield fuels. Moreover, there are certain applications where coal-derived fuels are environmentally superior for the production of ultra-clean diesel and jet fuel of interest to the aviation, heavy equipment and trucking industries. Eastern and western Kentucky coals are suitable feed stocks for these purposes.

Requesting Member: Congressman HAROLD ROGERS

Bill Number: H.R. 3183

Account: Department of Energy—Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Legal Name of Recipient: Morehead State University East Kentucky Bioenergy Capacity Assessment Project

Address of Recipient: 150 University Blvd., 901 Ginger Hall, Morehead, KY 40351

Description of Request: Provide directed funding of \$250,000 for Morehead State University to analyze the availability of bioenergy in a region of Appalachia traditionally supported by coal. Many opportunities exist through the exploration of alternative fuel sources to allow the United States to become less energy dependent on fossil fuels, and this project would support a feasibility study to analyze the availability of bioenergy sources in southern and eastern Kentucky.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Friday, July 10, 2009.

Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote No. 526 (On ordering the previous question to H. Res. 622) and "no" on rollcall vote No. 527 (On agreeing to H. Res. 622), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 528 (On agreeing to the Rep. Jeff Flake of Arizona amendment to H.R. 3082), "yes" on rollcall vote No. 529 (On passage to H.R. 3082).

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

#### HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Mr. CRENSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit documentation consistent with the Republican Earmark Standards.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32207

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 in funding in H.R. 3183 in the Construction Account for the Dredged Materials Disposal Facilities Program, Jacksonville Harbor, FL.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will contribute to the dredging improvements which will assure that commodities reach their destination efficiently and cleanly by ship rather than by surface transportation, which reduces air pollution, strain on our over-burdened highway system and traffic congestion.

In addition, to continue JAXPORT's growth, the channel must be deepened so it can handle container ships with deeper drafts.

There is a 25 percent non-Federal cost share required for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Construction

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32207

Description of Request: I have secured \$1,000,000 in funding in H.R. 3183 in the Construction Account for Jacksonville Harbor, FL.

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Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32207

Description of Request: I have secured \$4,500,000 in funding in H.R. 3183 in the Operations & Maintenance Account for the Intracoastal Waterway, Jacksonville to Miami, FL.

The purpose of this funding is for the routine maintenance dredging of Reach 1 in Duval County at Nassau Sound and non-routine maintenance dredging in Reach 3 will remove 250,000 cyds. of material. The beach quality material will be placed on Amelia Island and the non-beach quality materials will be placed in DMMA DU-2.

This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the operation and maintenance of the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida is a Federal responsibility.

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Operations & Maintenance

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32207

Description of Request: I have secured \$6,035,000 in funding in H.R. 3183 in the Operations & Maintenance Account for the Jacksonville Harbor, FL.

The purpose of this funding is for the periodic dredging in the 20 mile main federal ship channel.

The Jacksonville Harbor project is an authorized federal project and has regularly received O&M funds which are necessary to retain the federal project depth. Pursuant to federal statute, the Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for maintenance of federal navigation channels.

There are no matching funds required or allowed for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Section 206

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: Army Corps of Engineers

Address of Receiving Entity: 701 San Marco Boulevard Jacksonville FL 32207

Description of Request: I have secured funding in H.R. 3183 in the Section 206 Account for the Big Fishweir Creek, FL.

Big Fishweir Creek is a small tributary on the St. Johns River, a federally-designated American Heritage River, approximately 4 miles south of downtown Jacksonville. The contributing sub-basin to Big Fishweir Creek has been urbanized, predominantly with residential land use, which is encroaching along the creek's banks. Most of this urbanization occurred prior to the promulgation of storm water regulations. Consequently, only limited storm water management has been implemented in the sub-basin. Contaminated sediment from untreated storm water has been deposited in the creek over time, reducing natural habitat in the creek and along its banks.

Under the authority provided by Section 206 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1996, the Corps may plan, design and build projects to restore aquatic ecosystems for fish and wildlife. Projects must be in the public interest and cost effective and are limited to \$5 million in Federal cost.

There is a 50 percent non-Federal matching requirement for this project.

Requesting Member: Congressman ANDER CRENSHAW

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Energy & Water Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Electricity Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Legal Name of Receiving Entity: City of Tallahassee, Florida

Address of Receiving Entity: 300 S. Adams Street Tallahassee FL 32301

Description of Request: I have secured \$250,000 in funding in H.R. 3186 in the Electricity Efficiency and Renewable Energy Account under the Department of Energy for the City of Tallahassee Innovative Energy Initiatives.

The City of Tallahassee will provide \$2,000,000 in matching funds for this project.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 3183, the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project Name: Fairbanks Geothermal Energy Project

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Department of Energy

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Fairbanks North Star Borough, 809 Pioneer Road, Fairbanks, AK 99707

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Fairbanks North Star Borough in cooperation with the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Center for Energy and Power will use funds to perform research and development work on an enhanced geothermal system designed to replace the 9 megawatt combined heat and power unit located on the campus of UAF.

Appropriated Amount: \$1,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Program Coordination: \$300,000, geothermal resource assessment: \$500,000, test well: \$4,200,000

Project Name: St. Hermann Harbor Dredging in Kodiak

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Army Corps of Engineers

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: City of Kodiak, 710 Mill Bay Road, Kodiak, AK 99615

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: In 1997, the Army Corps completed a breakwater to protect Kodiak's St. Herman Harbor. The south channel of this new harbor has residual rubble from the construction period that needs to be dredged and cleaned out in order to allow the channel entrance to be the width and depth intended by the original project design.

Appropriated Amount: \$500,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance: \$500,000

Project Name: High Penetration Wind Power in Tatitlek

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Department of Energy

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Native Village of Tatitlek, P.O. Box 171, Tatitlek, AK 99677

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Funding will provide for a high penetration hybrid wind turbine/diesel power station in the Village of Tatitlek. Because it is expensive to ship home heating fuel into Tatitlek, Tatitlek conducted studies on cost effective alternatives. Energy generation from wind is expected to save the community 32 percent over energy generation from diesel.

Appropriated Amount: \$900,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Machines: \$612,495; Shipping: \$34,028; Concrete pads for generators: \$156,257; Crane: \$122,499; Electrical lines: \$24,500; Controls and Equipment: \$340,275; Site prep: \$88,472; C.E. freight:

\$68,055; Wind prospecting: \$20,417; Engineering: \$102,083

Project Name: Port of Anchorage

Bill Number: H.R. 3183—Army Corps of Engineers

Legal name and address of entity receiving earmark: Port of Anchorage, 2000 Anchorage Port Rd, Anchorage, AK 99501

Description of how the money will be spent and why the use of federal taxpayer funding is justified: Provide an earmark of \$18 million will be used for operations and maintenance for the Port of Anchorage expansion project.

Appropriated Amount: \$18,000,000

Detailed Finance Plan: Army Corps of Engineers Operations and Maintenance: \$18,000,000

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CANDICE S. MILLER**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding earmarks I received as part of H.R. 2892, the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act of 2010.

Requesting Member: Congressman CANDICE S. MILLER

Bill Number: H.R. 3170—the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act of 2010

Account: Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Macomb County, Michigan

Address of Requesting Entity: 1 S. Main St., 7th Floor, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043

Description of Request: This request, in the amount of \$100,000.00, would be used to provide a variety of much needed programs and services including training such as business plan and marketing writing and assistance. Additionally, it would serve businesses and entrepreneurs in Macomb County who currently lack access to such vital services.

## EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. CHRISTOPHER JOHN LEE**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the Republican Leadership standards on earmarks, I am submitting the following information regarding an earmark I received as part of the Financial Services Appropriations bill.

Requesting Member: Congressman CHRISTOPHER LEE (NY-26)

Bill Number: H.R. 3170

Account: Small Business Administration—Salaries and Expenses

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Buffalo Niagara International Trade Foundation

Address of Requesting Entity: 725 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203

Description of Request: Provide an earmark of \$250,000 to support three approaches by the World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara

(WTCBN), a non-for-profit that helps companies to enter, grow, and compete in international markets: (1) The "Export Canada" program addresses the needs of small and medium sized-manufacturers and service firms by providing workshops focused on exporting to Canada; (2) Expand WTCBN's international business development services and guided assistance to service a broader audience of companies in a 12-county region of Western New York; (3) Support comprehensive trade education and global skills development programs geared for the agribusiness and manufacturing sectors through strengthened partnerships with educational institutions.

Of the total amount, approximately \$100,000 (or 40 percent) is for outreach and marketing; \$60,000 (or 24 percent) is for education; \$50,000 (or 20 percent) is for technology; \$30,000 (or 12 percent) is for miscellaneous expenses; and \$10,000 (or 4 percent) is for membership activities.

Global trade for any individual firm remains a complex matter requiring a wide range of services, market contact and skills. As part of a network of 300 World Trade Centers in 100 countries, WTCBN has the capabilities and contacts to assist regional businesses in every major market in the world. WTCBN is licensed by the World Trade Centers Association to serve companies throughout much of Upstate New York. The WTCBN shares a very similar mission as the Small Business Administration.

## RECOGNITION OF LES WEISBROD

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 15, 2009*

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great honor and pleasure that I stand before you today to recognize a very special constituent and friend of mine. He is both a mentor and an outstanding lawyer with a brilliant legal mind, and I am privileged to recognize and acknowledge the achievements of Les Weisbrod. I have known him since 1971, and I can truly say that he is a dedicated, distinguished, and committed citizen.

The name Weisbrod has long been associated with excellence, and his life and work reflect his parents' highest standards of hard work, honesty, courtesy, and responsibility. On July 30, 2009, Mr. Weisbrod will finish his term as President of the American Association for Justice. As the largest trial bar in the world, this association aims to promote a fair and effective justice system and has benefitted enormously from Mr. Weisbrod's leadership and expertise. He has served as President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Parliamentarian of the American Association for Justice, in addition to leading many of this association's litigation groups through his quarter-century of membership.

Regarded as one of the most effective medical malpractice and personal injury attorneys in the country, Mr. Weisbrod has obtained more medical malpractice punitive damage jury verdicts for his clients than any other attorney in the United States. In 2003, he obtained a verdict which has been reported by the National Law Journal as one of the 100 most important verdicts of that year, and he